

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. – 22. **(Cancelled)**

23.     **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 further comprising testing the fabric and determining that the fabric passes the standard method NFPA 701 – 1996 edition testing protocol.

24.     **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating is accomplished by padding.

25.     **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a phosphonate.

26.     **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is a cyclic phosphonate.

27.     **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant is FLAME RETARDANT 50<sup>TM</sup> cyclic phosphonate flame retardant.

28.     **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises between about 2

% and 10 % by weight of the composition.

29. **(Withdrawn)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the flame retardant comprises about 4.8 % by weight of the composition.

30. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is a molecularly bound antimicrobial agent.

31. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is an organosilane.

32. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent is Octadecylaminodimethyltrihydroxysilylpropyl Ammonium Chloride.

33. **(Previously presented)** A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises between about 0.2 % and 2.0 % by weight of the composition.

34.     (**Previously presented**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the antimicrobial agent comprises about 0.48 % by weight of the composition.

35.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is also a soil repellant.

36.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is a fluorochemical.

37.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent is a water based dispersion of fluorinated acrylic co-polymer.

38.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent comprises between about 2 % and 10 % by weight of the composition.

39.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein saturating the fabric includes saturating with a composition in which the fluid repellent comprises about 3.6 % by weight of the composition.

40.     (**Previously presented**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from TREVIRA CS<sup>TM</sup> fibers of polyester incorporating organic phosphorous compounds.

41.     (**Withdrawn**) A method as claimed in claim 42 wherein forming includes fabric formation from AVORA<sup>TM</sup> polyester fibers incorporating organic phosphorous compounds

42.     (**Currently Amended**) A method of finishing an inherently flame resistant fabric comprising:

forming a fabric of inherently flame resistant polyester fibers,  
saturating the fabric with a composition containing a flame retardant and an antimicrobial agent and one or more of an antimicrobial agent, a fluid repellent agent and a soil repellent agent, and  
drying the fabric.

43.     (**New**) A method as claimed in claim 42 further comprising the step of making the fabric into a product selected from the group consisting of a bedspread, tablecloth, bedding, drapery, or furniture upholstery.